

## BURNS TELLS OF HIS TRAILING DYNAMITERS

Detective Says His Work Alone on Those Jobs Already Has Cost \$20,000.

CAN'T GET LIFE INSURANCE

That's What Worries Him. He Declares, and Not About Being Killed—Flying Visit to New York.

"Sherlock Holmes," said William J. Burns yesterday at the Hotel Belmont, was a very interesting character in fiction, but in my twenty-five years of experience as a detective I have never had occasion to learn to play the violin, to study tobacco ashes or to use a magnifying glass. Plain common sense in all I have ever had any use for in any of the cases with which I have been connected.

"Take, for instance, the case of three dynamiters. I was called into that case by the McCulloch-Marshall Company, of Pittsburgh, after the dynamiting of the Florida bridge last August. A magnifying glass? A pair of opera glasses turned wrong end to and a little common sense of the commonest kind were what was needed.

"There were two internal machines used on that job. One exploded and the other did not. The battery of the second was too weak. We carefully preserved the machine that did not explode. It was very useful later, after the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times Building.

"Our first problem, though, was who would be interested in blowing up the Florida bridge. It was an open shop job. I looked up forty-five or fifty other dynamiters in the last three years, and found that they were all open shop jobs. Then I put a watch on the headquarters of the union in Indianapolis.

"After the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times Building we found another bomb. The construction was exactly like that of the unexploded one found in Florida.

How McManigal Was Arrested.

"We had already learned that a few days before the Florida job a man who registered as John B. McGraw had been at one of the hotels in the town for several days. We had copied his handwriting from the hotel register. We saw Orrie McManigal around the union headquarters. We got a sample of his handwriting. We arrested him. He confessed.

"That's all there is to the detective business," Mr. Burns concluded. "It's just common sense."

"How does it work out in the case of legislators?" he was asked. "How about the Ohio legislators? It has been charged that you sent your men to Columbus and induced the legislators to take bribes."

"Induced them to take bribes?" he exclaimed. "Why, if those fellows heard that a man with money was around they would break down the door of his room to get to him."

"One of my men would go to Columbus and let it be known that he was interested in a certain bill. The next day a member of the Legislature would be around to see him, and in half an hour the price would be set for either passing or stopping the bill, whichever he wanted done. You couldn't pass a bill without a bribe without getting the Legislature."

"The third degree, though, you use that to get confessions, don't you?" he was asked. "I never used the third degree in my life," Mr. Burns said. "It has been said that I used McManigal as a stool pigeon. That is not true. When I got McManigal and J. B. McGraw to Chicago I told him that the charge against him was so serious that he would better not talk. I told him that anything he said would be used against him."

Plain Talk Leads to Confession.

"The case with McManigal was different. I spent about ten minutes with him, and told him everything I knew about him and what he had been doing. Then I told him to think it over and I would be back in five or six hours to see what he had to say. I went back at 8 o'clock that night and he made a full confession.

"McManigal isn't a fool. He isn't dull witted. Nothing like that. He is a shrewd, canny man—an American for three generations, but of Scotch extraction. He comes from good people in Tiffin, Ohio. His family is respected there and his father owns a stone quarry."

"I would a thousand times rather work with an intelligent man than a fool. That was the way I did with Ruef, in San Francisco. He is a brilliant man with a fine intellect. He's teaching a Bible class in the penitentiary now. You can argue with a man like that, you know. You can argue with him and prove to him that you have caught him, and then he has sense enough to see that the best thing for him to do is to tell what he knows."

"You see, I believe that if a man confesses and helps you, you should help him."

"You helped Ruef to the penitentiary," he suggested.

"Certainly," Mr. Burns replied. "All thieves look alike. It doesn't matter whether they are rich or poor. But the rich ones are the ones it pays best to catch. It has more of a deterrent effect. And that is where the good comes in catching a thief."

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## FAKERS AND FENCERS AT N. Y. A. C. MEET, AT TRAVERS ISLAND.

Left to right—V. H. Lynch, E. Cathcart, C. Chichester and John Todahl, winner in foil contest.



ROBERT MULFORD. Winner of contest with duelling swords.

It makes the next man think a second time, and if you catch one of the fellows it does more good than if you catch one of the poor ones.

Otis Fought Employing Burns.

"But, do you know," he said, "catching those fellows in San Francisco nearly kept me out of this job. It was funny, wasn't it, going from the rich to the poor? But I was employed by the Mayor of Los Angeles after 'The Times' dynamiting, and Harrison Gray Otis, the owner of 'The Times,' did his best to keep me out of the job. Oh, he put up an awful row. The Mayor told Otis, though, that he was boss, and he would employ the man he thought was the best to do the work."

"They did succeed in cutting off the money. The Mayor gave me \$5,000 and then they demanded a report. I said I wasn't ready to make it. I said I made a report, but all my work would be spoiled. I said I couldn't take the chances of the report getting out. The Mayor was satisfied, but the other crowd was strong enough to make him stop the supply of money, and I have \$14,000 of my own money invested in the job now. You know, you can't do a piece of work like this for nothing. I have had about twenty men working on this case, and it has lasted for several months."

"I'll get my money all right. The city of Los Angeles is my client. I am not dependent on Harrison Gray Otis, and I have turned in itemized bills and reports, showing where every five cents was spent."

"No," Mr. Burns said in answer to a question, "I don't want all these dynamiters' jobs. That is what my work has cost. They have cost considerably more than \$100,000 besides. That was the reason the National Erectors' Association would not employ me."

"After I felt satisfied that I knew the story and who had done the work I went to them and laid the whole case before them and asked them to employ me, but they refused. I couldn't blame them. They had spent more than \$100,000 on private detectives and had not got a single result."

"Blackmailing Thieves."

"Private detectives as a class are the biggest lot of blackmailing thieves that ever went unwhipped of justice."

"Don't you ever worry about getting killed?"

"What worries me," he said, "is that I can't get any life insurance. I can't see that I am in any more danger than you are when you cross Fifth avenue at 40th street. Why, I used to go to the morning Francisco at 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning, and nothing ever happened to me. Of course, I was armed, but I never had to use a revolver. They hired a man out there to kill five of us. He was to get \$5,000 for the job, and he is doing life in the penitentiary with Abe Ruef now. He did blow up Jim Gallagher's house and we got him."

"Up the insurance companies call me too hazardous a risk," Mr. Burns complained. "When I was in Seattle three years ago I took out a \$5,000 policy. I felt fine. I thought I had my family fixed. But before I could get home the insurance company went around and took the policy out of my house. Yes, that's what they did. They took the policy out of my house before I could get home."

"Mr. Gompers says that you 'planted' this case," he said.

"Isn't that silly," Mr. Burns said, "I was very much surprised at the attitude taken by Gompers. He knows that this case was not a frame-up. I don't think that he had any knowledge of it before the arrests were made, but he has been to Indianapolis since and has investigated it himself. I am surprised at him."

"John Mitchell's statement was very fair. He said that he hoped the men would be able to prove their innocence. Clarence Schmitt's is a fair lawyer. He says he is getting out. You can't tell yet, the case hasn't come to trial."

"Do you think the union, as a union, was behind the dynamiting?" he was asked. "No, do you think John J. McManigal was the only union official who was connected with it?"

"I can't say anything that will prejudice the prosecution of the case," Mr. Burns replied. "But the books of the international union will be used as evidence in Los Angeles, and McManigal's bookkeeper is going out to be a witness. You know, he says that the books were very accurately kept, and will show just where and when McManigal used his own money for expenses and when the union's money was used."

"McManigal says that John J. McManigal was the brains of the dynamiting, and that James B. took great pride in claiming the invention of the internal machine. McManigal says that John J. McManigal took part in some of the dynamitings. When we caught them, McManigal and James B. McManigal had just been to Los Angeles to lay out the plans for six explosions that they were going to pull off in about three days. They were on the way to Tiffin for the dynamite. McManigal said that the clockwork mechanism was all prepared."

Received \$200 for an Explosion.

"The explosions were all to take place the same night. They would have done nearly a million dollars' worth of damage, and McManigal would have got \$1,200 for his night's work. He was the one who placed the machines and started the clocks and he got \$200 an explosion."

"Are you greatly worried by the kidnapping charges that have been brought against you?" Mr. Burns was asked.

"Not a bit," he said. "Everything was done in a perfectly regular way. We had the extradition papers from California, and they were signed by the Governor of Indiana. We took McManigal right out of a meeting, and when we got there we found a group of newspaper men waiting to see the arrest made, but the news certainly got there ahead of us."

"Of course, we didn't lose any time and

## M'MANIGAL NAMES OTHERS

Says Two San Francisco Men Furnished Money.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)

Los Angeles, May 7.—When Orrie E. McManigal appeared in court he testified that he had been informed by J. B. McManigal that two prominent California men had furnished part of the money spent in carrying out the alleged plot to destroy "The Los Angeles Times."

McManigal swore that J. B. McManigal named the two men at the time he is alleged to have revealed to McManigal the manner in which the newspaper plant was destroyed.

This phase of McManigal's confession has not been disclosed hitherto, and it was not until his testimony became a matter of record that it became public. When McManigal made his first confession in Chicago he named the two men who are alleged to have had knowledge of the dynamiting plot. When he reiterated his previous statements to District Attorney Fredericks he again furnished this evidence.

At his final appearance before the grand jury, McManigal was asked if he had any evidence against the two men, and he replied that all he knew of their alleged connection was the information he had secured from J. B. McManigal.

Both men mentioned in the transcript of the grand jury are residents of San Francisco. One of them is now living there and the other is said to be in the East, presumably on a visit. It is admitted by detectives working on the information furnished by McManigal that they do not know the present whereabouts of one of the men.

District Attorney Fredericks said last night that the time of the arraignment of Orrie E. McManigal was not settled, but that "the man undoubtedly would plead guilty."

## MORE DYNAMITE FOUND

One Hundred and Sixty Sticks Discovered Near Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, May 7.—One hundred and sixty sticks of dynamite, securely packed in a large box, were found about five miles from the ranch house of the Malibu ranch, twenty-five miles from this city, to-night.

The dynamite is of the high explosive variety, believed to be 80 per cent, not the usual 65 per cent kind used for blasting stumps about a farm. The Burns Agency has been notified of the finding and an operative is on the way to the ranch.

Details of the discovery of the explosive are lacking. The Sheriff and the District Attorney both declare their belief that the discovery has nothing to do with the famous dynamite cases now pending, but their actions since the report of the find was made contradict this.

## CROWD SEES NOVICE FLYING

Thousands Assemble at Garden City—New Machine Ready.

Garden City, Long Island, May 7.—Today's summer weather brought a large crowd to the aviation field here today. More people were present than at Belmont Park on most days of the last big meet.

George F. Schmidt, the young aviator from Rutland, Vt., who has only been flying a week, continued to come out with his airplane and make short jumps, with an occasional circuit of the field. Schmidt went into the air after a short run, and, feeling his machine climbing, gained confidence, mounted to a height of two hundred feet, then struck a level balance and began to wheel around the field, old aviators feeling every minute he would come to grief.

At the end of twenty minutes Schmidt came down amid the cheering of the automobile horns and stent. Schmidt flew a Curtiss type biplane, in which is installed a 4-horsepower 12-cylinder motor.

## AEROPLANES RACE AUTO

Three Contestants, with the Motor Car Finishing Third.

Washington, May 7.—A three-cornered race between two aeroplanes and an automobile brought to a successful close Washington's first aviation meet to-day. The event was won by Lincoln Beachey, in the last time of 3 minutes 15 seconds for the three miles. J. A. D. McCurdy handled the other biplane, and the automobile, driven by A. Gary Carter, of Washington, finished third.

## BOY LEPER IN QUANTINE

Pawtucket Lad's Father Reluctant to Accept Physicians' Diagnosis.

Pawtucket, R. I., May 7.—Declared a victim of leprosy by Massachusetts experts in that disease, Harry Sheridan, the fifteen-year-old schoolboy, passed to-day at his home in strict confinement, having been brought back in an automobile from Boston, where he was examined by a leprosy expert. His father, Edward B. Sheridan, a mill superintendent, who accompanied the boy from Boston, is still reluctant to accept the opinion of the physicians who diagnosed the case as leprosy, but is opposed by the health authorities. Police officers are keeping guard in front of the Sheridan residence.

## DUELS WITH WAX BULLETS

Dr. Graeme M. Hammond, the Victor Over Forty Competitors.

HE "KILLS" DR. ECHEVERRIA

John Todahl Wins with Foils and Robert Mulford with Sword at Travers Island.

Duelling in a mode, with all of the accessories of pistols, ringing steel blades, seconds and the proverbial coffee for two, or something that suited the palate better, provided an all-day spectacle for those who journeyed to the country clubhouse of the New York Athletic Club, at Travers Island, yesterday. There the bloodless, not to mention harmless, duel, with pistols two feet long at the barrel, real cartridges and bullets of .45 calibre, was tried out under the greenwood tree; but the bullets were of wax. The contestants were armored and clad in specially designed canvas garments, so that in a tournament in which nearly forty contestants Dr. Graeme M. Hammond, the alienist, came off a victor, without so much as a mark to show that he had been the target for numerous marksmen. In the final of the pistol duelling Dr. Hammond "killed" Dr. M. J. Echeverria, of the New York Athletic Club, the bullet striking Dr. Echeverria on the left breast where the heart is supposed to be.

The day of unusual sport was a combination of the swordsmen and pistol shots of the New York Athletic Club, the Fencers' Club, Columbia University, the Art Students' League and the Fakers. Altogether, for the events which continued throughout the day there were eighty competitors, including Samuel Shaw, the founder of the Fakers, who in turn was successfully and successfully "killed" with foil, duelling sword, sabre and pistol.

It was to the foils that the group first turned its attention, and even so good a welder of steel as George H. Breed, who on Saturday night won the national championship with foil and sword, found that using the blade and footing on turf was a different thing from the smooth strips in the salle des armes. At one time nearly a dozen duels were going on on the lawn of the club, while guests sat on the terrace of the Fakers, carried off the honors in the foil competitions, while Robert Mulford, of the New York Athletic Club, won with the duelling sword.

The contests with the foils were the keenest, the Fakers and the Columbia University fencers each being well fortified with men. Among the former were Warrent Pryor, John Todahl, E. L. Chase, J. R. Gleason, A. H. Lamm, Frank Chase, Cecil Chichester, Allan Cochrane, S. E. Wylie, C. E. Wills, C. J. McCarthy, A. Mackinnon, W. S. Taylor, George Woltz and Neal Truslow. Among the Columbia men were Charles E. Dwyer, J. H. Northrop, A. N. Clough, Sidney Smith, Douglas Diddle, C. B. Miller, T. H. Bauche, G. G. M. Marshall, William White, A. L. Bell and E. J. Kirkpatrick. The guests from the Fencers' Club included Arthur J. Eddy, Joseph T. Shaw and Arnold de la Poer among the many who have held fencing championships.

The pistol duelling which recently has been the vogue in Paris and Berlin found many times until after the first few had escaped with nothing worse than a blackened mark to show where the bullet had struck upon the long linen duetistic garment of canvas which the competitors wore. Their heads were incased in armored masks, especially imported for the purpose. These masks, somewhat in the form of a helmet, are provided with a slight aperture of heavy plate glass.

That such duelling is no child's play was demonstrated by James Murray, Jr., the fencing instructor, who shot point blank at a telephone directory at a distance of ten yards, the wax bullet penetrating through the pages. In the duels yesterday the contestants stood fifteen yards apart. Murray acted as master of ceremonies, while different seconds officiated. At the word "Fire" the men pulled trigger and in nearly every instance the impact of the bullet was simultaneous with the report of the weapon.

All of the "wounds" were upon the body. More than half were on the right side, under the arm. Two or three times the bullets carried a sting that caused the wounded men to jump. Todahl was the first up, and he wined H. Drupkele, of the New York Athletic Club. Dr. Hammond later on disposed of Todahl, and also of Joseph T. Shaw, both in the same fashion. The bullet struck low on the right side, Dr. Hammond remarking that he was practicing an improved method of removing the appendix by shooting it out.

The entire crew of duellists was entertained at luncheon by Samuel Shaw. Sporting topics so completely died the conversation that between the soup and the entree George H. Breed challenged Dr. Hammond to a running race around the quarter-mile track. The latter, formerly an intercollegiate champion, won easily, and he and his admirers were at the tables again before the waters had served the next course.

As a finale to the day the Fakers and the Art Students' League engaged in a baseball match. At a late hour each side had used up all of the players available, and some of those who began the game were taking a second turn at it. Anyway, the scorers lost his pen, and the result will forever remain in doubt.

## BALDWIN PREDICTS PEACE

Speaks at Anniversary of His Company's Departure for War.

New Haven, May 7.—At memorial exercises held here to-day in commemoration of the fifth anniversary of the departure of the New Haven Grays, company A, 25th Connecticut Volunteers, for the Civil War, Governor Baldwin, who was a corporal in the company, said that probably at the close of the present century celebrations would not be of military prowess, but of days of national and international peace.

Among the other speakers was General Frank D. Sloan, who was captain of the company. Governor Baldwin also said:

"To soldiers of the Civil War we owe the place which the United States now occupies in world affairs, or, rather, we owe to them the possibility of our country's assuming such a place."

## MAINE TO HAVE BY-ELECTION

People to Pass on Direct Primaries and Prohibition.

Augusta, Me., May 7.—In response to a petition signed by sixteen thousand voters of the state, Governor Plafie will issue a proclamation for a by-election for the purpose of allowing the voters to pass on the Davies direct primary bill, which applies to all state officers. In his proclamation the Governor will set the second Monday in September as the date for the election. Among other questions to be put before the voters on that day will be the proposed amendment to the constitution having to do with the abolition of the prohibition law.

## DR. MOORE TALKS ABOUT CITY

The Rev. Dr. Addison Moore, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, in his talk to the Sunday school class yesterday, spoke on the subject, "The Advantages of the City."

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(From The Tribune Bureau.)

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